corporations in the public sector incurring losses, are as under:—

Name of the unit/Corporation	Feedstock
A. Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI)	
(i) Ramagundam	Coal
(ii) Talcher	—Do—
(iii) Gorakhpur	Naphtha
B. Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFC)	
(i) Barauni	Naphtha
(ii) Durgapur	—Do.—
(iii) Namrup I, II, III	Natural gas

(c) The following steps have been taken/are being taken to minimise the losses:

(i) Captive power plants have been installed in all the units of HFC and some units of FCI;

(ii) Replacement/renewal of equipments as necessary;

(iii) Constant monitoring by preventive and predictive maintenance;

(iv) Induction of trained staff at various levels; and

(v) These companies have also submitted revamping proposals for their plants.

(d) No decision has been taken to privatise the loss making fertilizer units.

Liability of M/s. Merind

668. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1653 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that besides M/s. Glaxo, M/s. Merind also showed their liability in the balance sheet upto 1983;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government did not take any steps to recover the amount due from M/s. Merind as arrear of land revenue;

(d) whether it is a fact that there is no stay from any court;

(e) if so, the reasons for non-recovery of dues;

(f) if so, the earlier and revised prices;

(g) whether it is a fact that price fixation under DPCO, 1987 is subjudices; and

(h) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) As per the available information in its annual accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1983, M/s. Merind had shown its liability under DPEA at Rs. 486.07 lakhs.

(c) and (d) No. Sir. The data is still awaited from the company and the company has requested for a personal hearing.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) and (g) The earlier and revised prices of Dexamethasone are given below:—

Name of the bulk drug	Earlier price (Rs./gm.)	Revised price (Rs./gm.)
Dexamethasone Pure	92·00	135·33
Dexamethasone Phosphate	97·00	132·95

(h) and (i) M/s. Merind has taken the stay order from Bombay High Court against the Government's order regarding price fixation of Dexamethasone based formulations.

Drugs Prices Review Committee

669. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1665 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DPRC has worked out and also taken *suo moto* increase in prices of formulations of bulk drugs, prices of which were revised in August/September, 1991;

(b) if so, the names of formulations for which prices have been recommended;

(c) what was the earlier price of each and what is the revised price and what is the percentage of increase;

(d) whether it is a fact that committee has still to reduce *suo moto* the prices of formulations based on bulk drug prices which were reduced in 1990 and in 1991;

(e) what are the names of drugs, when the price of each was reduced and to what extent and what steps have been taken to fix responsibility; and

(f) what are the reasons and what is the system of picking drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) Sir, prices of certain ceiling packs of formulations based on such bulk drugs whose prices have been revised upwards due to Exchange Rate adjustment, have been notified on suo-moto basis to allow for the increase in input costs. The number of such packs is around 85. Details of prices have been notified in the Extra-ordinary Officials Gazette, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(d) to (f) There are eleven Scheduled bulk drugs whose prices have been reduced during this year. Before Government could notify the prices of ceiling packs of connected formulations on reduced prices of bulk drugs, there was change in Exchange rate of rupee against major foreign currencies. As a result, prices of mine out of these eleven bulk-drugs have been revised upwards. In four cases, the revised price is even more than the pre-revised price. A Statement indicating the names of eleven bulk drugs, their pre-reduced prices, reduced prices and present prices with date, is annexed. (See below). The exercise to notify the prices of ceiling packs of formulations where the bulk drug price is still les than the pre-reduced price is on hand.